

WARS IN TEXAS.

of Austin's Colony in
years of its Existence
to Short Crop.

uggle for Existence—An
letter from an Early
Settler in Texas.

and Townspeople on the
The Small Force of the
—A War Dance.

Gazette.
fall and winter of 1823
was in a very feeble
the Indians were con-
taining them. Provisions
and everything was indeed
scarce.

reader a better knowl-
edge and most deplora-
ble were in, we will
of a letter written
by one of the settlers
old Kentucky:

AN EARLY SETTLER
IN TEXAS.

W. B. DEWEES,
COURT CLERK, AND TEXAS,
Dec. 1, 1823.

END—Since I last wrote
you have been very
of provisions. On ac-
dry weather our crops
are now entirely
and we are very much
scarcely.

There have been a
settlers come on this
who have not been ac-
cording to the woods for
shelter to suffer. Were
of us boys who have
their wives and children
much more than they
I fear some of them
Those of us who have
of our own reside with
families in the settlement
here, notwithstanding the
provisions, to assist in pro-
visioning.

We are
out in the morning, a
to hunt food, leaving a
men at home to guard
from the Indians who
stole to us. Indeed, we
out and hunt except in
we are obliged to keep
lest the savages fall
one cannot watch and
and is now so scarce that
all day for a deer
and return at night
It would make your
see the poor little half-
breed who have eaten noth-
the day watch for the re-
mains of the first glimpse
they run to meet them
they have been successful
at. If the hunters return
or turkey the children are
with delight, while, on
and, they suddenly stop in
their countenances fall,
their tears well up in their
down their pale cheeks.
I send you to see us re-
after a hard day's hunt
any game, knowing
that the
children are entirely with-
out have nothing till we
in our hunt. No one can
afford to even imagine
unless they themselves
in similar situations. And
situation the more dread-
ful the more acute, we
eluded to get the women
of settlements together and
of fort to protect them
merciless savages. It is
to see how bravely
the females bear up
sufferings without a mor-
tality complaint. 'Tis only
that they show their
Then we seem the least dis-
they cheer us with kind
and strive to appear
happy. They do more
wondered out with toil and
they take our guns in their
sides in standing guard
for the winter look
ly. If the Indians attack
I know what we shall do,
for the best and trust that
provided for in some way
for the Toncaway In-
dian tribe who are friendly
supply us with dressed deer
we should be al-
ready destitute of clothing
great while we are able to
small piece of unbleached do-
mestic of calico at the exorbi-
tant price of a yard from some
through the country, but
by seldom. The common
men and children is made
and even the women are
to wear the same. A few
years ago, cover on to the
San Felipe de Austin,
the purpose of seeing how
succeeding in building his
up anything else. While
night just after supper Aus-
tin came in town and brought
with him a large party of In-
dians marching down the di-
rect route to the settlements on the
He advised me to
give the alarm, that the set-
tlers be prepared for an attack
fully a night my horse,
felt very little like riding,
and I have become very wild for
night up as I was, by a Bar-
ber, and started home. After
eight or nine miles I fell
My horse took a different
route on the one I generally
and struck the San Bernard
place. I had never
I was awakened by his stop-
ping. Before me lay a beau-
tiful beach, which, as the full
moon fell upon it, was
a good description. For a mo-
ment so completely enchanted
I forgot myself. But I
suddenly thought myself of my
not knowing the river to be
hazardous, but spurs to my
hastened on. I soon ar-
rived Snyder's on the east
of the river, and gave
me. I then crossed the
river with haste to the settle-
ment where we had the women
gathered together and
for an attack. As soon as it
four or five of us started up
to see if we could learn any-

thing of the Indians. On arriving at
the house of Mr. Thos. Williams, who
lived on Williams' creek, west of the
Colorado and about ten miles below
the old La Bahia road, we saw a large
company of Indians coming
towards the cabin. They marched up,
though not in a hostile manner. We
soon ascertained them to be Wacoas
and Toncaways. They numbered one
hundred and eighty, all armed and
equipped in a war-like manner. There
were in the company two squaws, the
wives of two of the chiefs. The In-
dians told us that they had not come
to disturb the white settlers but were
in pursuit of the Toncaways. They
seemed to wish us to show them
where this tribe was, but we in-
formed them that we did not know
where they were. They then in-
formed us that they would remain
where they then were till they
found the Toncaways and that they
wanted meat. Williams immediately
drove up what few milk cows he had,
as he did not wish to irritate them,
since there were but nine white men
in the settlement. He then went to
kill one, but they told him to stop
for them to select one. They chose one
that suited them and made him
kill it. We afterwards ascertained
that they had been in the settlement
at Rabb's the day previous where they
had conducted in the same manner.
We were obliged to submit to their
wishes at this time, our number
being so small, but this was a very
hard thing for us to do. They ex-
changed about one hundred and
fifty yards from Williams' cabin,
where they said they should remain
until they found the Toncaways.
They then sent out two spies in a
westerly direction to find the Toncaways' camp. As we wished to keep
on friendly terms with them we told
them we would send for our big
captain who would form a treaty with
them. We sent round the settlement
and got together what few men there
were in the settlement, which in-
creased our number to nine. Among
these was Col. James J. Ross. He being
a large, fine looking man, and some-
what acquainted with Indian custom,
we told them that he was our "big
captain." They then agreed to enter
into a treaty with us. Williams' wife
and daughters having gone to one of
the neighbors' cabins a mile distant, we
occupied his cabin as council-room.
Having no confidence in the treaty,
we now tried to think of some manner
in which we could destroy the Indians,
lest on their leaving they should at-
tempt to commit depredations. We
first thought that we would make a
large dinner-party in a sort of fort
which Williams had built around his
house, to which we would invite them,
and when all engaged in feasting we
would fall upon them and de-
stroy as many as we
could. But on further reflection
we decided that the difference in our
numbers was so great that we could
kill but a small portion of them, and
that a woman and children would be
exposed to their fury. We therefore
abandoned this project. At night
they built a large fire about fifty yards
from their encampment, where they
held a war dance. This lasted all
night. The temptation to cut off their
retreat to their wigwam, where
they had left their arms, and
then fire upon them, was
almost too strong to be resisted. But
knowing that we should at last be
obliged to retreat on account of their
number, and that the women and
children would then be unprotected,
we gave up this also.

We now abandoned all idea of mak-
ing an attack on the Indians, but to
act entirely upon the defensive. This
we did for three days and nights. On
the morning of the fourth day the
spies returned. Having to cross a large
prairie which lies on the
west of the Colorado two
miles distant. When they were discovered
the whole army commenced singing a
war song, which they continued until
the spies were within two hundred
yards. They then seated themselves
in a large circle upon the ground. The
spies on dismounting from their horses
walked into the midst of the circle
and seated themselves before a
word was said by either party. One
of the spies then commenced talk-
ing. His speech lasted about fifteen
minutes. We supposed him to be tel-
ling what he had seen in his absence.
After this they all rose and com-
menced making preparations to leave.
Told they did without giving us any
further disturbance. We then, all of
us, returned to our respective homes
feeling very thankful that the Indians
had gone without committing any
depredations, though mortified that
we had been unable to destroy them.

Your affectionate friend,
W. B. DEWEES.

*The Toncaway Indians have always main-
tained friendly relations with the Texas
and they were their best friends to the time
of the attack on Austin by other tribes.
Their principal center, Pinedo, was formerly
traded by Harrison and other Texas men
fighting the Toncaways and other hostile
tribes.

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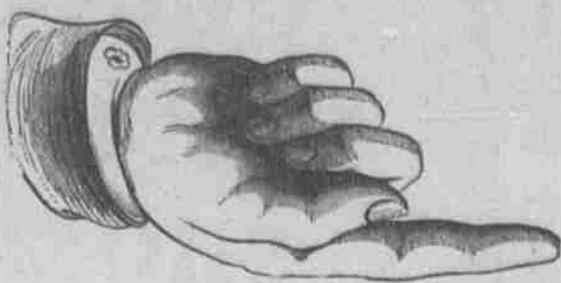
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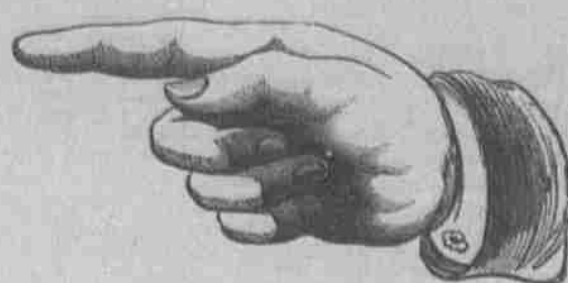
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Frazer, who was shot yesterday morn-
ing at 1 o'clock, died this morning at
1 o'clock, living just twenty-four hours
after he was wounded. His wife ar-
rived two hours after he died. Brake-
man Power was carried to the hospital
at Fort Worth this morning. His
wound is very painful but is not con-
sidered dangerous. Mrs. Frazer will
leave here to-night for Illinois with
the remains of her late husband, where
she is carrying him for interment.
The murderers have not yet been
captured. The heavy snow last night
makes it impossible to follow their
trail with dogs, as was being done yester-
day evening, and it is now feared that
they will make good their escape.
It is now believed by most people here
that they were train robbers and had
boarded the train for that purpose.
They are reported as being well dressed
and armed with large, fine looking
pistols. One of them wore a pistol
belt and had an ivory-handled pistol.
They boarded the train between the
two express cars but were discovered
by the brakeman before the train got
under headway and it is most
likely that the conductor, at the sacrifice
of his life, prevented the robbery
of the express cars.

The snow to-day is three inches
deep, which is very heavy for this sea-
son. The temperature is very mild
for such a heavy snow.

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